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Department of Education
Institute of Museum Services
Washington, D.C. 20201

May 16, 1980

The Honorable Claiborne Pell
United States Senator
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Claiborne:

Thank you for your letter to the Institute of Museum Services (IMS) supporting the grant application of the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society.

Please be assured that every consideration possible will be given to your constituent's application. Competition will be considerable since IMS has received approximately 1,500 applications (out of a universe of 5,500 museums) for the \$10.4 million grant funds available for 1980. The Administration has requested a \$12.9 million appropriation for FY 1981 to better assist the many highly deserving museums which request support from the Institute.

The applications are currently being reviewed, and grant awards will be announced in September.

Our Congressional Liaison Office will notify you of successful applicants in your district prior to the public announcement of awards.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Lee Kimche
Director

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